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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF FRESNO

Standing Order Regarding the Traffic Division of the Superior Court of California, County of Fresno

Standing Order No. 11-0701

This standing order addresses the method by which the court manages the processing and disposition of traffic cases. The Court seeks to improve the efficiency and uniformity in handling of traffic court matters throughout Fresno County. The Court finds that the following procedures will further this goal.

#### Payment of Traffic Fines

Court staff is authorized to grant one thirty (30) day continuance for the payment of traffic fines. Any requests for continuance of thirty-one (31) to ninety (90) days shall be referred to the judge. Any request for a continuance beyond the ninety (90) days shall be denied by staff. A defendant seeking a continuance beyond ninety (90) days may request to be placed on calendar to personally appear and request the continuance directly from a judicial officer.

### Violations of Vehicle Code § 16028, subd. (a).

The court staff is authorized to reduce the bail amount by half for a defendant charged with a violation of Vehicle Code § 16028, subdivision (a) who obtains written evidence of financial responsibility (i.e., proof of insurance) after the date of the charged violation.

## Completion of Traffic School

Defendants are currently allowed sixty (60) days to complete traffic school. Court staff is authorized to grant one thirty (30) day continuance to complete traffic school. Any requests for continuance of thirty-one (31) to ninety (90) days shall be referred to a judicial officer. Any request for a continuance beyond ninety (90) days shall be denied by staff. A defendant seeking a continuance beyond ninety (90) days may request to be placed on calendar to personally appear and request the continuance from a judicial officer.

# Acceptance of Traffic School Proof of Completion

A defendant who elects to attend traffic school must submit proof of completion within the time ordered by the Court. Court staff is authorized to accept a proof of completion submitted up to thirty (30) days after the date ordered by the Court provided the proof of completion shows the timely completion of traffic school by the original date or any authorized extension thereof. Any proof of completion submitted beyond thirty (30) days of the date ordered by the court shall be denied by staff. A defendant seeking a continuance beyond thirty (30) days may request to be placed on calendar to personally appear and request the continuance from a judicial officer.

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# Requests for Traffic School After Payment of Fine or Forfeiture of Bail

Provided the defendant is otherwise eligible to attend traffic school, Court staff is authorized to accept requests to attend traffic school if made within sixty (60) days of payment of the fine or bail forfeiture. To be valid, the sixty-four dollar (\$64.00) administrative fee must accompany the request. Provided the defendant is otherwise eligible to attend traffic school and the proof of completion is timely submitted, Court staff is authorized to accept a proof of completion from a defendant who paid for traffic school through the Court's website within sixty (60) days of bail forfeiture.

## Unperfected Traffic Infraction Filings

All traffic citations will be processed and entered into the Court's case management system in a timely manner. In the event that an error is identified on the face of the citation prior to entry, the citation will not be entered. The incorrect citation shall be returned to the issuing agency for correction. When the Court receives the corrected citation the citation will be entered into the Court's case management system.

In the event that an error is identified via the Department of Motor Vehicles interface and reported to the Court via the DL Report/COFACS or the DMV Report/V2 after entry, the citation will be returned to the issuing agency for correction. shall not be perfected until the Court receives the corrected citation. In the event that a corrected citation is not received from the issuing agency within 6 months of return to the agency,

the unperfected filing will be struck from the Court's case management system.

This Standing Order revokes Standing Order 08-0131 and shall remain in full force and effect until revoked or modified by further order of the Court.

Dated this 6 day of July, 2011

Hon. Gary D. Hoff Presiding Judge

Fresno County Superior Court